

Mental Health Provider's Guide to the Victim Compensation Program (Program) New Mental Health Session Limits

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For victim/claimants with no previous mental health sessions by February 3, 2003; <u>or</u> • For victim/claimants whose reimbursement for mental health sessions has not reached the new session limitation by March 5, 2003, the following procedures apply: 		
Number of Sessions	Required Verification	Action
Sessions 1-5	An eligible claimant, provider and treatment.	After receipt of first billing, the Program sends the therapist a Treatment Plan* to complete for consideration of additional sessions.
Sessions 6-15	Treatment Plan Outlines the focus of treatment, the methods to be used, and the means of measuring progress.	<p>For reimbursement of sessions 6-15, the therapist must fill out the Treatment Plan completely and accurately. Program staff reviews and <u>must</u> approve additional treatment before payment is made.</p> <p>For Direct and certain Derivative victims with 30 or 40 session limits, a Progress Report* must be completed for sessions after 15. For Derivative Victims limited to 15 sessions, additional treatment may only be considered after the therapist submits a completed Additional Treatment Plan*.</p>
Sessions 16 – 30 or 40	Treatment Progress Report Identifies the progress made and identifies any factors that are hindering progress.	Program staff reviews the Treatment Progress Report and <u>must</u> approve sessions 16 – 30 or 40 before payment is made.
Sessions 16+ for most Derivative Victims Sessions 31+ or 41+ for certain Derivative and all Direct victims up to the statutory mental health category cap	Additional Treatment Plan The Additional Treatment Plan is a request for treatment beyond the session limitations. The following information is considered: 1. Circumstances of the crime; 2. Diagnosis; 3. Progress in treatment; 4. Effectiveness of treatment; and 5. Level of impairment that is directly attributable to the crime.	<p>Program staff completes a comprehensive review and the therapist will be notified if additional sessions are approved. This form will be reviewed in conjunction with the previously submitted mental health treatment forms.</p> <p>Additional information may be requested, such as session notes, objective assessment measures, or outside consultations. Each request for additional sessions will be reviewed with increasing rigor.</p>

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Five (5) sessions are allowed to terminate treatment or to request additional treatment.	<p>Additional Treatment Plan The Additional Treatment Plan is a request for treatment beyond the session limitations.</p> <p>The review may require additional information. The following information is considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circumstances of the crime; 2. Diagnosis; 3. Progress in treatment; 4. Effectiveness of treatment; and 5. Level of impairment that is directly attributable to the crime. 	<p>Program staff completes a comprehensive review and the therapist will be notified if additional sessions are approved. This form will be reviewed in conjunction with the previously submitted mental health treatment forms.</p> <p>Additional information may be requested, such as session notes, objective assessment measures, or outside consultations. Each request for additional sessions will be reviewed with increased rigor.</p>
Additional sessions up to the statutory mental health category cap.	Additional Treatment Plan	Additional information may be requested, such as session notes, objective assessment measures, or outside consultations. Each request for additional sessions will be reviewed with increased rigor.
<p>For all victims whose reimbursement for mental health treatment have exceeded their <u>statutory</u> mental health category cap, the following procedures apply:</p>		
Additional sessions beyond the statutory mental health category cap.	<p>Additional Treatment Plan This Additional Treatment Plan should include an update of all information previously requested by the Program, and a detailed description of the factors supporting the request for additional treatment</p>	<p>Program staff may require the submission of additional information that is required to determine if the treatment will best aid the victim and that it is necessary as a direct result of the qualifying crime.</p> <p>Program staff will notify the therapist of the number of sessions approved. Each request for additional sessions will be reviewed with increased rigor.</p>
<p>*These forms are available on the Program's website at: www.boc.ca.gov or by calling the Program's Customer Service number at (800) 777-9229.</p>		